
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FEDERAL LANDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department
2 of land and natural resources for administrative purposes a
3 Makua valley task force to prepare for the transition of the
4 management of the Makua military reservation from the United
5 States Army when General Lease No. S-3848 expires.

6 (b) The Makua valley task force shall consist of the
7 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources, or the
8 chairperson's designee, and a member of the board of trustees of
9 the office of Hawaiian affairs, or the board's designee, who
10 shall invite the following persons to be members of the task
11 force:

12 (1) A representative of the legislature;

13 (2) A representative of families who were evicted from the
14 Makua valley reserve or whose lands in the Makua
15 valley reserve were condemned by the federal
16 government;

17 (3) A representative of the aha moku advisory committee;



1 (4) Three representatives, each representing a different
2 non-profit organization, having expertise on Makua
3 valley; and

4 (5) A representative selected from a list provided by
5 native Hawaiian organizations.

6 The task force shall also invite the commanding officer of
7 the United States Army Pacific, or the commanding officer's
8 designee, to serve as a military representative.

9 (c) The members of the task force shall elect a
10 chairperson from among themselves.

11 (d) In preparing for the transition of the management of
12 the Makua military reservation from the United States Army, the
13 task force shall enter into discussions with the United States
14 Army to:

15 (1) Facilitate the expedient return of the valley reserve
16 upon the expiration of the United States Army's lease;

17 (2) Ensure the clean-up of any unexploded ordnance; and

18 (3) Ensure the expansion of opportunities for cultural
19 access.

20 (e) The task force shall base its plans and policies for
21 transition on the goal of transferring the lands currently held



1 by the United States Army under General Lease No. S-3848 to the
2 State, which shall:

3 (1) Hold the lands in trust as part of the public land
4 trust; and

5 (2) Transfer management and control of the lands to the
6 sovereign native Hawaiian entity upon its recognition
7 by the United States and the State.

8 (f) The members of the task force shall serve without
9 compensation but shall be reimbursed for their actual and
10 necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in
11 carrying out their official duties.

12 (g) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
13 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
14 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
15 the regular session of 2024.

16 (h) The task force shall cease to exist six months after
17 the August 16, 2029, expiration of the United States Army's
18 lease for the Makua military reservation under General Lease No.
19 S-3848.

20 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Description:

Establishes within the department of land and natural resources a Makua valley task force to prepare for the transition of the management of the Makua military reservation from the United States Army upon the expiration of the Army's lease for the land. Requires a report to the legislature.

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